

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated December 2, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. The Examiner is also thanked for the courtesy extended over the telephone on January 6, 2006, during which the examiner agreed that the proposed amendment would be proper.

Claim 1 has been amended, claim 3 has been cancelled. Currently, claims 1-2, and 4-18 are pending. No new matter has been added. The Examiner is thanked for indicating claims 10-18 as allowed and claims 3, 4, and 6-9 as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

With the above amendment Applicants have incorporated claim 3 into claim 1. To render a claim obvious the prior art must teach each and every element of the claim. As recognized in the Office Action, US Patent Publication No. 2002/0142586 to Shiota and US Patent No. 6,639,015 to Nakashima et al. do not teach or suggest, *inter alia*, either alone or in combination, "an organic polysiloxane precursor having . . . a molar ratio of hydroxy groups approximately 80% or more of the total condensable functional groups" as recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 cannot be rendered obvious by these references. Claims 2 and 5 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 and thus are not rendered obvious by the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to

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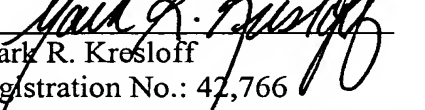
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discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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